

Leicester, Massachusetts, 30th March
1846.

My dear Miss Carpenter,

By the last mail Steamship (of March 4th) I received your letter of the 15th Feb. (no ship came the middle of Feb., as I presume you supposed - they come only once a month in the winter), and also the parcel containing proof-sheets, in part, of the "Meditations," your note, with one from Mr. Estlin, & several pamphlets, for which you have my best thanks. The Sermon of Dr. Montgomery I have not yet had time to read carefully, but have had some 'snatches' of it. I thank you for the Magazine of Capital Punishment. As we have a weekly paper on this subject, entitled the "Prisoner's Friend", issued in Boston (to which I & others here subscribe), and which frequently copies from the Glasgow Magazine, you need not be at the pains to send me the latter; for your kind offer to do so, I am truly obliged to you, and under other circumstances should be glad to accept it. And now as to the re-print, &c. - I will with pleasure do the little that will fall upon me in the matter. As to revising the proof-sheets, at my distance from Boston, it would hardly be a convenient arrangement for me to undertake it; nor is it at all necessary. The press, where I understand it will be printed, the "University Press," at Cambridge, has the most accurate proof-readers, "who insure us" say the publishers "against all mistakes of printers." Still, before the work is finally put to press, I will endeavour to have

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an opportunity to inspect ~~it~~ it. Messrs. Crosby and Nichols, of Boston, will undertake the re-printing of the work, and will commence upon it, they say to me, as soon as I deem it advisable. They add, "we presume, however, that there will be no occasion for hurrying the matter, as you will have to await the arrival of another steamer or two before we can get all the copy." (I had informed them ~~that a part~~ ^{that a part} ~~had~~ ^{not} ~~received~~ ^{received}.) For alterations, or

omissions, to which you refer, there will be neither with my consent save those you choose to make. I wish it to be a re-print of your book. I will endeavour that your requests, as to arrangement of pieces, omission of your name, &c. be attended to strictly.

Doubtless you intend, (though you do not say so) to send forward the remaining proof-sheets, as soon as they are ready. Those sent reach from pp. 1 to 144 inclusive, bringing the work through Sunday Evening of the Fourth Week, — beside the Mss., viz. 2 Prayers, Meditation on Lord's Supper, The Saviour's Promise "Lo! I am with you (with the poetry to follow), and 3 Poetical pieces for different places.

What is now wanted are, all after p. 144 (or the close of the above-named evening) the Dedication, Preface, and Index. When they are sent, it would be best to send directly to Messrs. "Crosby & Nichols, Bookeller, Boston." Should you not have proof-sheets of the 2^d Edition ready, you could send the sheets, if any remain unbound, of the first — or, failing these, a bound copy of the first edition. If, however, any of

these have been sent to Boston, for sale, a copy
could be procured there. You spoke of
having ~~sent~~ six copies of the "Meditations," for
the Antislavery Fair, and not seeing them
acknowledged. - I did not see them at the Book
Table of the Fair, which I repeatedly visited and
looked over its valuable & beautiful things. I will
make some inquiry about them, when I am next
in Boston. I remember seeing some pamphlets. Sermons
of Mr. James's on the table.

I am much pleased to find that you retain
so agreeable a recollection of that Sunday when Mr. James,
my brother, ~~first~~ called upon you ~~for~~ when I first became
acquainted with you, and shared your Sunday dinner.
And I assure you it brought some thankful emotions ^{from} my
heart to read your word that that visit to B. had been
"the means of exciting in you all so much additional
interest in the great cause," of Freedom to the Oppressed.
Indeed, I could not but thank God, who had employed
an agent so humble to do a work so good & great.
I have often thought, with something of wonder, upon the
fact that, carrying as I did not a single letter of introduction
to any one in Bristol, & having many to other places, yet
Bristol should be the spot where my closest intimacies
and friendships were to be formed. May they be eternal!
- I well remember the pleasant Saturday afternoon, early
in July, of ~~my~~ ^{our} arrival in Bristol from the banks of the Wye.
After finding a Hotel, one of the first things we did was to
obtain a pocket map of the city and, by its help, find Lewin's
Mead, and its Chapel. The next morning we, two strangers
in a strange land, went again to that Chapel, and asked ~~if~~
~~if~~ if we could have seats for the day, which were at once
provided. We heard a sermon from Mr. Armstrong, which
with the other services impelled me to seek his acquaintance



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and at the close of the service, without waiting for much deliberation, I did so. He introduced me to Mr. James, and the rest you know. Right well should I like to visit Bristol again, and see once more my excellent & kind friends. —

You speak of your sister Anna's not having a personal acquaintance with me. I must take leave to correct that. I have not forgotten her ~~free~~ kind reception of me at Stand, and her friendly & persevering efforts to obtain a ride for me to Bath, the coach having passed full. With respects to her & to your Mother, ~~and~~ I remain, Yrs. truly, L. M.

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